

Hard blue crabs also dominated the total value of the landings for Currituck County accounting for 74% of the value (Tables 57 and A65). Other major species accounting for more than 1% of the value during the 1994-2001 period include peeler blue crabs, southern flounder and soft blue crabs (Table 57). Of all these species, soft blue crabs received the highest price per pound (Table 57).

Pots accounted for the vast majority of landings, contributing to 91% of the total landings (Tables 58 and A84). Other gears accounting for more than 1% of the total landings include gill nets and haul seines (Table 58). Although landings from fyke nets did not account for 1% or more of the total landings during the entire 1994-2001 period, landings of fyke nets have contributed to 1% or more of the landings since 1999 (Table A84). Of these gears, pots ranked first in the number of trips utilized and haul seines ranked first in CPUE (Table 58). Pots ranked first, in terms of value, accounting for 89% of the total value (Tables 59 and A103). Gill nets and pound nets were the only other gears to account for more than 1% of the total value although fyke nets have accounted for more than 1% of the total value since 1999 (Tables 59 and A103).

The number of dealers in Currituck County reporting landings increased from 1994-1998 and then remained constant for the rest of the study period (Table A27). The number of vessels reporting landings in Currituck County fluctuated from 1994-1998 and then increased from 1998-2001 (Table A27). The total number of licenses issued that allowed the sell of catch increased from 1994-1998 and then declined in 2000 and

Table 57. Combined current and deflated value by major species for Currituck County from 1994-2001.

Species	Current	Deflated	% Value	Current / LB	Deflated / LB
Hard blue crabs	\$9,916,726	\$2,556,881	73.74	\$0.67	\$0.17
Southern flounder	\$1,189,677	\$306,358	8.85	\$1.75	\$0.45
Peeler blue crabs	\$1,127,518	\$285,023	8.38	\$1.87	\$0.47
Soft blue crabs	\$678,361	\$171,544	5.04	\$4.08	\$1.03
Other	\$536,365	\$137,811	3.99	\$0.49	\$0.13
Total	\$13,448,648	\$3,457,616	100.00	\$0.78	\$0.20